



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Updated: Major Injury Traffic Collision

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 21, 2012**

On March 21, 2012, at 12:36 p.m., Santa Barbara Police Officers, Santa Barbara City Firefighters, and paramedics responded to an injury traffic collision involving a motor vehicle and a bicyclist at the intersection of Yanonali Street and Calle Cesar Chavez. The involved automobile was a red Geo Metro driven by a licensed, 27-year old male who was the sole occupant. The involved bicycle was a gray Nishiki Cresta 15-speed road bike ridden by a 52-year old male.

Accident investigators are currently on-scene and the cause of the collision is still under investigation. However, preliminary investigation indicates that at the time of the collision the automobile was travelling southbound on Calle Cesar Chavez through the intersection with Yanonali Street. It further indicates that the bicycle was northbound on Calle Cesar Chavez and initiated a left-turn, westbound, onto Yanonali Street in front of the oncoming car.

The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet. He sustained major head trauma and open fractures to both legs. His injuries are considered life-threatening. He was transported from the scene by paramedics to Cottage Hospital for treatment.

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